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Over nine million people make North Carolina their home. On any given day, injuries and violence result in 2,225 visits to the emergency room, more than 400 hospitalizations, and sadly, 17 deaths. This plan and the people who created it seek to reduce the burden of injuries and violence.

Crafting a comprehensive injury and violence prevention plan required the expertise of professionals from a wide variety of disciplines in order to properly represent all facets of intentional and unintentional injury. A total of 58 stakeholders came together in meetings on October 2 and 3, 2008 and April 27, 2009 to develop a vision for a state plan for preventing injury and violence, complete with goals, objectives and action steps. These stakeholders and their agencies contributed to the plan and are listed in Appendix A. Additional stakeholders from throughout the state, along with the previously mentioned group, submitted input on portions of the plan as it was being written.


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The dedicated professionals who helped make this happen have the energy and commitment to put this plan into action and significantly reduce the serious consequences of injury and violence on the citizens of our state. Throughout this process there has been a feeling of excitement about creating a plan that will build the strength of the injury and violence prevention field.

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"North Carolina has a history of being one of the most forward-thinking states in addressing the prevention of injury and violence. We have the capacity to lead the nation in developing, implementing and evaluating quality programs and contributing to the evidence base. This plan is an important next step in that direction."

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"Educating citizens about injury prevention is the best tool we have to protect North Carolina's children from injury and even death. As a father, I know firsthand that lessons in safe behavior last children a lifetime."

N.C. Insurance Commissioner
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ACRONYMS

AHEC	Area Health Education Center
AMCHP	Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
ASIST	Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
CCGT	Coordination and Constituency Goal Team
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CFTF	Child Fatality Task Force
CGEC	Carolinas Geriatric Education Center
DAAS	Division of Aging and Adult Services
DGT	Data Goal Team
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DMH	Division of Mental Health
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles
DPH	Division of Public Health
ED	Emergency Department
FGT	Funding Goal Team
GDL	Graduated Driver's License
GHSP	Governor's Highway Safety Program
HPDP	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
HSRC	Health Services Research Center
IOA	Institute on Aging at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IPRC	The Injury Prevention Research Center at the University of North Carolina
IVPB	Injury and Violence Prevention Branch
IVP-SAC	Injury and Violence Prevention State Advisory Council
LHD	Local Health Department
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MHA	Mental Health Association
MVCGT	Motor Vehicle Crash Goal Team
NCFPC	North Carolina Falls Prevention Coalition
NCUPTF	North Carolina Unintentional Poisoning Task Force
NCGV	North Carolinians Against Gun Violence
NCYSPTF	North Carolina Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force
NTI	National Training Initiative for Injury and Violence Prevention
OEMS	Office of Emergency Medical Services
OCME	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
OSFM	Office of State Fire Marshal
PSMEC	Policy, Social Messaging and Environmental Change Goal Team

RACs	Regional Advisory Councils as in Trauma Center's Regional Advisory Councils
REGT	Research and Evaluation Goal Team
SAS	Substance Abuse Services
SafeTALK	Suicide Alertness for Everyone: Tell, Ask, Listen, and KeepSafe
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SCHS	State Center for Health Statistics
STAC	State Trauma Advisory Council
STIPDA	State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association
TWGT	Training and Workforce Development Goal Team
UPGT	Unintentional Poisonings Goal Team
VAGT	Violence/Assault Goal Team
VDRS	North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System
VMT	Vehicle miles of travel
WCHS	Women's and Children's Health Section
YPLL	Years of potential life lost